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SUBJ: NEW TIMES INTERVIEWS ARAFAT, STRESSES IMPORTANCE OF
PALESTINE PROBLEM

1. SUMMARY. NEW TIMES (NO. 48) CARRIES ARAFAT
INTERVIEW WHICH STRESSES VALUE OF SOVIET SUPPORT
FOR PALESTINIAN AND ARAB CAUSE BUT SKIRTS ISSUE
OF PLO PARTICIPATION AT GENEVA. SEPARATE NEW TIMES
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ARTICLE ON ME SITUATION GIVES PRIMARY IMPORTANCE

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TO RESOLUTION OF PALESTINIAN PROBLEM. ARTICLE ALSO
HINTS THAT ISRAEL MIGHT "TORPEDO" GENEVA CONFERENCE AND
WARNS THAT NEW OUTBREAK OF HOSTILITIES MAY ENSUE IF
ISRAEL RETURNS TO "NO WAR-NO PEACE" POLICY. END SUMMARY.

2. ARAFAT RESPONSE TO QUESTION FROM NEW TIMES
CORRESPONDENT SHMOAROV PRIASE SOVIET UNION AS TRUE
FIREND OF PALESTINIANS. HE SAYS PALESTINIANS WILL
NOT FORGET THAT BREZHNEV HAS ALWAYS SUPPORTED
PALESTINIAN PEOPLE AND THEIR NEED TO REALIZE
THEIR "LEGITIMATE NATIONAL ASPRIATIONS" WHETHER HE WAS
TALKING WITH PRESIDENT NIXON, TO CONGRESS OF PEACE
FORCES, OR TO TITO. ARAFAT ALSO PRAISES SOVIET ECONOMIC,
POLITICAL, DIPLOMATIC AND MILITARY AID TO ARABS AND
SAYS SOVIET ARMS AND MILITARY TECHNOLOGY SHOWED THEIR
EFFECTIVENESS IN ME WAR. ARAFAT STEERS CLEAR OF TRICKY
QUESTIONS OF PLO PARTICIPATION IN GENEVA AND PLO REPRESEN-
TATION OF PALESTINIANS.

3. IN GENERAL REVIEW OF ME SITUATION WRITE (MIRSKIY)
SAYS CONDITIONS FOR ME PEACE BETTER NOW THAN BEFORE, BUT
WARNS READERS NOT TO FORGET THAT PALESTINIAN PROBLEM IS
FIRST CAUSE OF CONFLICT AND THAT WITHOUT RESTORATION
OF PALESTINIAN LEGITIMATE RIGHTS ATTAINMENT OF ME PEACE
IS NOT POSSIBLE.

4. MIRSKIY GOES ON TO SAY THAT IF ISRAEL DOES NOT
"TORPEDO" IT, ME PEACE CONFERENCE MAY BEGIN IN NEAR
FUTURE. HE NOTES, HOWEVER, THAT CONVOCATION OF CON-
FERENCE DOES NOT MEAN ACHIEVEMENT OF SETTLEMENT. AND HE
WARNS THAT ISRAEL MAY AGAIN TRY TO RETURN TO "NO WAR-
NO PEACE" COURSE WHICH HE ASSERTS RISKS RENEWAL
OF HOSTILITIES.

5. COMMENT: ARAFAT INTERVIEW AND MIRSKIY COMMENT,
WITHOUT DEPARTING FROM SOVIET LOW-KEY TREATMENT OF
PALESTINIANS, REAFFIRM THAT SOVIETS SEE PALESTINIANS
AS POTENTIAL LEVER TO ASSURE THEIR FULL INVOLVEMENT IN
ME PEACE SETTLEMENT. MIRSKIY ARTICE SUGGESTION THAT
ISRAEL MIGHT SABOTAGE CONFERENCE ALSO APPEARS TO PREPARE
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GROUND FOR LAYING ANY BREAKDOWN IN CONFERNECE SQUARELY AT
ISRAEL'S FEET.
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